



***Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department***  
***Rules & Regulations for***  
***Community Gardens***

Welcome and thank you for your interest in community gardening! The Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department is excited to have you be a part of the Keeley Park Community Garden. The operation of the garden is regulated by the following Community Garden Policy.

**I. Your rights as a community gardener:**

1. You have the right to an annual renewal if all the specific garden agreements are met and followed.
2. You have the right to basic amenities such as access, hoses & water.
3. You have the right to equal opportunity and non-discrimination.
4. You have the right to a “reasonably harmonious environment”, which is enforced by the conflict resolution measures of the Parks & Recreation Department.
5. You have the right to participate in the democratic self-governance of your community garden by participating as a member of the Keeley Park Community Garden, who will select a Garden Coordinator annually.
6. You have the right to garden in your space, and to the non-commercial use of the product you raise.
7. You have the right to an orientation to your garden by the Garden Coordinator or other assigned garden assistants (i.e. Master Gardeners).

## **II. Your responsibilities as a community gardener:**

1. All plots will be inspected prior to use and cultivation should begin no later than two weeks after submitting your registration. In any case where the plot has not been planted or maintained or in any other way does not meet the requirements, the plot holder will be notified by mail or telephone and will have fifteen (15) days to respond. If no response is received within that period the plot will be forfeited and reassigned.

2. To be stewards of the land; keeping the plots neat in appearance and free of weeds as well as the paths surrounding plots. Plants should not hang over or grow into other plots or paths. Gardeners with untended plots will be notified by mail or telephone and asked to resolve any problems by a specific date.

3. All crops are for home use, not commercial purposes, and must be legal. Do not plant trees, invasive, or fast spreading plants.

4. At no time shall a gardener plant or weed in any other gardener's plot unless directed to by the Garden Coordinator or through prior arrangement with another plot holder.

5. Any alterations to the dimensions of your plot are prohibited.

6. Maintain your plot within the confines of your plot. No plants may be higher than 6 feet above soil level. Structures such as trellises are allowed and must not exceed 6 feet in height.

7. Gardeners must be present at their plot while watering. Water within only your plot and do not let it flood into neighboring plots or paths. Please conserve water using mulching materials such as leaves, straw, grass clippings, etc. Use drought resistant varieties when possible. Water your plot at the proper time of day and try to water by hand instead of by hose when possible. Report any leaks in the hoses or faucets to the Garden Coordinator as soon as possible.

8. All tools **MUST** be cleaned once finished and then placed neatly in the greenhouse.

9. Organic gardening is strongly encouraged. If gardeners wish to use a pesticide it must be approved with the Garden Coordinator prior to use.

10. Gardeners are responsible for the crops in their own plot. All crops must be harvested once they are mature. All dead plants, weeds, fencing, stakes and trellises must be removed from the plot by the date notified for fall clean up. Harvesting other gardener's produce without written permission is strictly prohibited.

11. Plant waste should not be placed in the regular trash receptacle. There will be a composting area and all gardeners will be trained on how to use it.

12. In Autumn, gardens must be cleared of summer crops, free of debris, cover cropped, or planted with winter crops. These practices help protect the soil during winter and will allow for earlier planting in the spring. The garden must also maintain a neat appearance throughout winter.

13. We encourage passing along the tradition of gardening, but please watch small children if you bring them to garden. We discourage all pets.

14. Please be considerate and cooperative with regards to other gardeners, neighbors and to the public.

15. If you suspect theft or vandalism contact the Garden Coordinator immediately. Discourage losses by becoming familiar with the other plot holders.

16. All plot holders are strongly encouraged to donate 10% of your harvest to the Share the Harvest program or other designated non-profit entities.

17. Gardeners are required to attend a minimum of 2 Community Garden Work Days per year. This work is meant to help maintain the appearance of the garden, enhance sense of community in the garden and complete special projects.

18. Gardeners are expected to adhere to all of these policies. If any gardener is found to be in non-compliance they will be notified by mail or telephone and will have a period of 15 days to resolve any issues. If issues are not resolved within that time period gardeners will forfeit their plot and any crops will be lost and the plot will be reassigned.

19. All plot holders must sign a Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement annually upon renewal. A copy must be forwarded to the Parks & Recreation Department. Gardeners are at their own risk while in Keeley Park Community Garden. The City of Greensboro is not responsible for any lost or stolen items and is not responsible for personal injury.

20. The greenhouse hours will be seasonal. In-season hours are 8am-8pm. Out-of-season hours are 8am-5pm.

For more information or questions, please contact [brooks.mullane@greensboro-nc.gov](mailto:brooks.mullane@greensboro-nc.gov) or call her at 373-5868.





**Keeley Community Garden**

**Registration Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_ Email address

\_\_\_\_\_ What is the best way to reach you?

I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I

THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR  
ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE  
GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

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Signature of plot holder

Return this sheet with your payment of \$25.00 to the Garden Coordinator. Checks  
should be made to the City of Greensboro and may be mailed to Brooks Mullane  
1001 Fourth St., Greensboro, NC 27405